

BOOK NOTICES

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GARY GRIGGS, KIKI PATSCH, and LAURET SAVOY. 2005. **Living with the Changing California Coast.** (ISBN 0-520-24447-8, pbk.). University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94704, U.S.A (**Orders:** California Princeton Fulfillment Services, 1445 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618, U.S.A., 609-883-1759, 609-883-7413 fax; www.ucpress.edu). \$24.95, 540 pp., b/w photographs, 6" × 9".

The first edition of this book titled *Living with the California Coast*, was published in 1985. In the author's words, the first part of the book provides the reader "with some basic background on how the shoreline works, the processes and hazards that occur here, things to consider before buying or building, options in hazardous locations, and how policies and legislation influence our response." In the second part of the book, "the authors and coastal geologists familiar with specific regions describe these individual areas [coastline areas from the Oregon border to Mexico], including what we know about their geology, hazards, and histories."

NORMAN MYERS and JENNIFER KENT (eds.). Foreword by EDWARD O. WILSON. 2005. **The New Atlas of Planet Management.** (ISBN 0-520-23879-6, pbk.). University of California Press, Berkeley, CA 94704, U.S.A (**Orders:** California Princeton Fulfillment Services, 1445 Lower Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08618, U.S.A., 609-883-1759, 609-883-7413 fax; www.ucpress.edu). \$39.95, 304 pp., color photos, graphs, drawings, 9 1/4" × 12 1/2".

Authors' comments about this book.—"This is no ordinary atlas. It maps and analyses a living planet at a critical point in its history—as one species, own, threatens to disrupt and exhaust its life-support systems. It charts the growing division in the human family. And it proposes that we have the chance to redirect our course, and become caretakers of our future.

The New Atlas of Planet Management is a first approach to this challenging task. It organizes the mass of available environmental data, statistical predictions, and other conflicting opinions and solutions into a simple, coherent structure. It is divided into seven sections: Land, Oceans, Elements, Evolution, Humankind, Civilization, and Management, each of these is considered from three perspectives: Potential resources, Crises, and Management alternatives.

This structure enables us to examine any critical area of concern and to weigh up: first, what it has to offer; second, where, how, and why things are obviously going wrong; and third, how we might set about putting things right, by applying a range of alternative strategies.

More than a structure for a book, this analytical formula offers one possible approach to planet management. We hope it will spur the rising global debate on our future prospects."—*Norman Myers and Jennifer Kent.*

This book is extremely well-illustrated with extensive captions describing the issues, the resources, the crises or even possible solutions